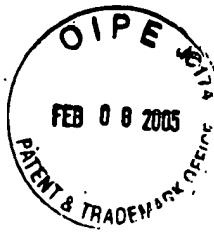


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Sir:

In response to the Final Action mailed December 10, 2004, Applicant hereby submits the following remarks.

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 3-12, and 14-17 are unchanged and remain pending in the application.

Claims 1, 3, 12-13 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2003/0133406 A1 to Fawaz, with claims 4-11 and 14-17 rejected under §103(a) over Fawaz. These rejections are respectfully traversed. The arguments submitted November 18, 2004 are incorporated in their entirety herein by reference. The following comments elaborate on those arguments and address the Examiner's arguments in the Final Action.

The independent claims 1 and 12 each specify that each network switch port includes a port filter configured for determining the corresponding priority for the corresponding data frame

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